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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL - CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

1. PROSPECTS BRIGHTENED TODAY AS HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE VOTED 4-3 TO RAISE THE DRAWDOWN TO \$200 MILLION AND LIFT THE CEILING ON MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID RESTRICTIONS. THIS WOULD PERMIT US AN ADDITIONAL \$125 MILLION STILL UNEXPENDED FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA. IN ADDITION, THE SUBCOMMITTEE AUTHORIZED THE EXPENDITURE OF \$73 MILLION FOR PL-480 FOOD AID AND AN ADDITIONAL \$15.5 MILLION FOR OTHER ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THIS REPRESENTS BASICALLY THE FORMULA WE PUT TOGETHER FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF SPARKMAN, CASE AND HUMPHREY TO THE WHITE HOUSE LAST WEEK. THE VOTE TALLY WAS: IN FAVOR: CASE, JAVITS, SCOTT, MCGEE. OPPOSED: CHURCH, HUMPHREY, MCGOVERN. THE FULL SFRC IS EXPECTED TO MARK UP ON THURSDAY. AS A RESULT OF TODAY'S VOTE, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE AN EVEN CHANCE IN THE FULL COMMITTEE. PERCY NOW SEEMS TO BE KEY VOTE.

2. IN THE HOUSE, THE HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE HEARD MEMBERS OF THE MISSION TO INDOCHINA. FRASER, SUPPORTED BY MCCLOSKEY AND FENWICK, PROPOSED TYING ADDITIONAL
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MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO A COMMITMENT FROM THE DEPT TO

VIGOROUSLY UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT
OF THE CONFLICT. CHAPPELL, MURTHA, AND PROBABLY FLYNT,
WOULD SUPPORT MILITARY ASSISTANCE WITHOUT THIS
CONDITION. DUPONT, HARRINGTON AND BONKERS STATED THEY
ARE CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED TO ADDITIONAL MILITARY
ASSISTANCE. ON BALANCE HOUSE PICTURE ALSO APPEARS
SLIGHTLY BRIGHTER.

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